

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Previously presented)

A digital camera to be mounted on a cradle having a first communication terminal through which an external apparatus capable of two-way communication is connectable via a detachable communication cable so that the digital camera performs two-way communication with the external apparatus when so connected, the digital camera comprising:

a second communication terminal which is connected to the first communication terminal when the digital camera is mounted on the cradle;
and

a detection device which detects the digital camera being mounted on the cradle; and

at least one of an image display device and a character display device,
wherein if communication between the digital camera and the external apparatus does not occur when the detection device detects the digital camera being mounted on the cradle, the at least one of the image display device and the character display device displays an warning.

Claim 5. (Previously presented)

A digital camera to be mounted on a cradle having a first communication terminal through which an external apparatus capable of two-way communication is connectable via a detachable communication cable so that the digital camera performs two-way communication with the external apparatus when so connected, the digital camera comprising:

a second communication terminal which is connected to the first communication terminal when the digital camera is mounted on the cradle; and

a device which turns a camera power supply on and off according to an operation of a power supply switch provided at the cradle.

Claim 6. (Original)

The digital camera according to claim 5, wherein when the camera power supply is turned on by the operation of the power supply switch provided at the cradle, the digital camera sets an operation mode thereof at a communication mode for communicating with the external apparatus.

Claim 7. (Original)

The digital camera according to claim 5, further comprising a second terminal which is connected to a first terminal provided at the cradle when the

digital camera is mounted on the cradle, a signal according to the operation of the power supply switch being outputted through the first terminal.

Claim 8. (Previously presented)

A digital camera to be mounted on a cradle having a first communication terminal through which an external apparatus capable of two-way communication is connectable via a detachable communication cable so that the digital camera performs two-way communication with the external apparatus when so connected, the digital camera comprising:

a second communication terminal which is connected to the first communication terminal when the digital camera is mounted on the cradle;

a power input terminal which is connected to a power output terminal provided at the cradle when the digital camera is mounted on the cradle, DC power being outputted through the power output terminal; and

a charging device which charges a battery in the digital camera by the DC power inputted through the power input terminal when the camera power supply is turned off, the charging device prohibiting charging of the battery when the camera power supply is turned on.

Claim 9. (Original)

The digital camera according to claim 8, wherein:

the cradle has a recess which guides the digital camera;

the power output terminal of the cradle is arranged at a bottom of the recess;

the power input terminal of the digital camera is arranged at a bottom of the digital camera; and

the power input terminal of the digital camera is connected to the power output terminal of the cradle in synchronization with operation of mounting the digital camera on the cradle.

Claim 10 - 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17. (Previously presented)

A cradle which connects a digital camera to an external apparatus capable of two-way communication, the cradle comprising:

a camera mounting section on which the digital camera is removably mounted;

a first communication terminal which is connected to the external apparatus via a detachable communication cable, the first communication terminal being connected to a second communication terminal provided at the digital camera when the digital camera is mounted on the digital camera mounting section;

a display input terminal which is connected to a display output terminal provided at the digital camera when the digital camera is mounted on the digital camera mounting section, a display signal being outputted through the display output terminal; and

a display device which displays at least one of a communication state between the digital camera and the external apparatus and an on/off state of the camera power supply according to the display signal inputted through the display input terminal.

Claims 18 - 24. (Canceled)

Claim 25. (Previously presented)

A camera system, comprising:

a digital camera comprising a second communication terminal through which two-way communication with an external apparatus is performed; and

a cradle comprising:

a camera mounting section on which the digital camera is removably mounted; and

a first communication terminal which is connected to the external apparatus via a detachable communication cable,

wherein the first communication terminal and the second communication terminal are connected to each other when the digital camera is mounted on the camera mounting section;

the digital camera further comprises:

a detection device which detects the digital camera being mounted on the cradle; and

at least one of an image display device and a character display device, wherein if communication between the digital camera and the external apparatus is impossible when the detection device detects the digital camera being mounted on the cradle, the at least one of the image display device and the character display device displays an warning.

Claim 26. (Previously presented)

A camera system, comprising:

a digital camera comprising a second communication terminal through which two-way communication with an external apparatus is performed; and

a cradle comprising:

a camera mounting section on which the digital camera is removably mounted; and

a first communication terminal which is connected to the external apparatus via a detachable communication cable,

wherein the first communication terminal and the second communication terminal are connected to each other when the digital camera is mounted on the camera mounting section;

the cradle further comprises a power supply switch; and

the digital camera further comprises a device which turns a camera power supply on and off according to an operation of the power supply switch of the cradle.

Claim 27. (Original)

The camera system according to claim 26, wherein when the camera power supply is turned on by the operation of the power supply switch provided at the cradle, the digital camera sets an operation mode thereof at a communication mode for communicating with the external apparatus.

Claim 28. (Original)

The camera system according to claim 26, wherein:

the cradle further comprises a first terminal through which a signal according to the operation of the power supply switch is outputted;

the digital camera further comprises a second terminal which is connected to the first terminal; and

the first terminal and the second terminal are connected to each other when the digital camera is mounted on the camera mounting section.

Claim 29 - 31. (Canceled)

Claim 32. (Previously presented)

A camera system, comprising:

a digital camera comprising a second communication terminal through which two-way communication with an external apparatus is performed; and

a detection device that automatically changes an operation mode of the camera to communicate with the external apparatus; and

a cradle comprising:

a camera mounting section on which the digital camera is removably mounted; and

a first communication terminal which is connected to the external apparatus via a detachable communication cable,

wherein the first communication terminal and the second communication terminal are connected to each other when the digital camera is mounted on the camera mounting section

the digital camera further comprises an audio/video output terminal and an audio/video input terminal, where the audio/video output terminal and the

audio/video input terminal are connected to each other when the digital camera is mounted on the camera mounting section, wherein

the audio/video output terminal of the digital camera is arranged at a bottom of the digital camera;

the digital camera mounting section of the cradle has a recess which guides the digital camera;

the audio/video input terminal of the cradle is arranged at a bottom of the recess; and

the audio/video output terminal of the digital camera and the audio/video input terminal of the cradle are connected to each other in synchronization with operation of mounting the digital camera on the cradle.

Claim 33-34 (Canceled)